# The Merkel Mail 

Thursday, December 11, 1980

## City decides against contract

trash hauler, buys new truck


The city purchased this refurbished garbage $\quad$ Cloy A. Richards)
truck at it's Monday meeting. (Staff photo by

## District 7AAA accepts Merkel

District $\begin{aligned} & \text { 7.AAA officials met Wednessay } \\ & \text { evening in ibilene to formally adopt Merkel as a }\end{aligned}$ evening in Abilene to formally adopt Merkel as a
member of that district for athletic and academic contests sanctioned by the University Interscholastic League.
The UIL rulle to be elevated to 3 A immediately.. That ruling came after Merkel officials voluntarily reported discrepency in reporting it's attendance figures.
The district used the average daily attendance
figure, instead of average daily membership figure, instead of average daily membership when filling out a UIL report to be used for
re-districting. Since the reported figure made re-districting since the reported figure made
Merkel eligible for 2 A the UIL executive
Christmas, trash, not Slaton again, lights are on

By Cloy A. Richards
Only two weeks left til Christmas and you haven't even figured out how you going to be able to afford Christmas presents this year? Not to Dale Hammond's cart hits that nail right on the head. to shop, to do that shopping here, where your tax, to shop, to do that shopping here, where your
dollar may have some direct impact here.
I'll have to make an apology to an unknown inquiring about the city trash pickup schedule. A caller said, "When will my trash be picked
up, I live on North 3rd and it has not been picked up, inive on North 3rd and it has not been picked After explaining I did not know the schedule,
but did know that the city trash truck was in the shop for repairs--again, the caller hung up.
The folks at City Hall have also had a lot of calls lately about trash not being picked up. As I said, the truck is broken down and the city was
using pick-up trucks and one cattle trailer to haul trash to the landfill. That process is long and
slow, therefore, the trash pick-ups fell way behind schedule.
City Manager J.A. Sadler picked up a rebuilt garbage truck this weekend in Waco on a one week, try it out for no charge, basis. The truck lease-purchase if the council decides to spend the money. Sadler told me Monday morning, that, if ouncil did agree to buy the truck, it would be paid for by revenue sharing doll
$\$ 2,000$ each three month period.
Merkel should be members of district 7AAA by the time the paper is delivered to your mailbox
this week, and that means one thing to most fans of girls basketball here, SLATON.
That's right. That bunch of girls from the Plains that can play that basketball, those TWO
time defending state champs. There ought to be
law. We can get out of playing Slaton in the playoffs by not winning the district title in 7AAA, but the Merkel winning or Clyde, Stamford, Breckenridge, Wylie or Colorado City winning. of it's scoring strength when Regina Light graduated. Colorado City played Merkel tough last year, but only one starter left the Merkel squad from last ye title last year.
Merkel has
games with the typical pro-season the first nine low shooting percentage and turnovers. But, they are 6-3, have split their first two games with a Frazier are scoring. Norma has scored an average of 19 per game and Nancy is averaging
almost 15 . The girls are even starting to get some scoring from the guard positions, something we did not get much of last year The giris and boys teams will get a good look a at a tournament in Stamford.
The girls definately have the talent to be favored in 7AAA but face a couple of problems Every team preparing to play Merkel must be his team knows Merkel has talent. Our girls also are under their third coach in three years and each of those coaches have a different style of play they teach. That has to be confusing.
Of course, thera is another problem, SLATON But, we can't worry about them until we dispose of District 7AAA
An anonymous donation and a donation from Carson's Super Market helped push the Stith Roof Fund past it's goal and a new
Stith Community Center is in place.

Yesterday, all my troubles seemed so far
away. Now I need a place to hide away, Oh I Suddenly, I'm not half the man I used to be. there's a shadow hanging over me.
Why she had to go I don't know, She wouldn't
say. I said something wrong, now I long for say. I sai
yesterday.
John Lennon was shot and killed in New York City Monday night and the gunman shot and killed a little bit of most everyone under the age hat appealed to youth in the city or the country young and old and most under 35 can still remember the lyrics of the Lennon-McCartney team who wrote, "I want to Hold Your Hand,
Help, All You Need is Love, Eleanor Rigby, The Long and Winding Road, Hard Days Night and Yesterday."
The next session of the Texas Legislature will lackle some key issues in this state and the one
The Legislature will also decide how to reimburse local taxing entities for state mandated exemptions for the elderly, handicapdoozy.
Mrs. Jones, at 511 Kent, called in Monday to Mrs. Jones is was open for viewing.
Mrs. Jones is the lady that always creates the Christmas scenery on Kent Street here. This year's een them decorations, for those who haven't
I than in the past. with the kids, because my son will not let you drive past her house when those lights are on.
They usually unplug the lights at around $9 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$.

> The main item on the agenda for the Merkel
ity Council's meeting, Monday, was the proposal for garbage collection and disposal. Tony's Disposed Service of Alvarado, was represented by Mr. Tony C. Cantrell. The A) Residential customers: would be charged 4.50 a month for weekly pick-up and all garbage the curb. B) Commercial customers: would pay a rate,
set according to nature and amount. The city ould be deemed arbitrator in any rate dispute C) Landfill: The City would be responsible to rovide the landfill, and for no more than the andfill. The contractor would acquire the responsibility for all of the operation at the C) The following fall under miscellaneous exceeding 4 feet in length and would be collected

with the garbage
2. The 55 gallon drums and other barrels would not be emptied because of their size and weight.
3. No bundles or containers weighing over 50 pounds would be accepted 4. It would be the city's responsibility to add on to te monthly rate any additional charges they
felt nsary for their operating expenses in collecting bills and providing the landfill.
After Mr . Cantrell had lef lat iscussed the idea of buying the new cou garba
truck. The general opinion was that the would eventually take over whe waste disposal city
operation, and since buying the new truck would mean no increase in the present ruck would ecided to go ahead with the purchasing of the Next, the council discussed further, the idea of as decided to review bids at the neat The Central Appraisal District Bill was payment, or quarterly at either. in one ye. Council oply
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paid.


Te Merkel VFW won the float competition at (Staff photo by Drew Mawson)

## Christmas parade held here

Merkel's Annual Christmas Parade was held
this past weekend and it came off pretty well, according to observers.
The Merkel VF.W. float. It was a tribute to the first place for their Iran and was pulled by a Model T Ford. Girl Scout Troup 109 placed second and Calvary Baptist placed third In the bicycle division, Daniel West was first, Stephen Jacobs second and Collin Jacobs was third. Santa Claus was in
town and threw candy to children that had line the city streets.
Martha Sue Justice, of the Merkel Chamber of

Commerce, said, "I thought we had a great parade and there, were a lot of people involved in
help making it a success!" She said, "I'd like to hank Kay and Iris Amerine, Nina Morris, Judy Castille, Rita Moore, Kay Bishop, Sarah, Lucas
for their help and the Girl Scout Troop 241, Leroy Austermann, The Howard Smiths, Clark Twirling Academy, Merkel Garden Club, Merkel High Band, Waymon Ad Ior participating
It was the last
or the year. The Chamber sponsored Fan Day last July and is planning that project as their
next undertaking for 1981 . -

## Girls take 2nd in Anson

The Merkel girls made it to the finals of the Anson Tournament this past weekend but a tough Hamlin team
the Badgers
Nancy Click and Norma Frazier were named to Nancy Click and Norma the all-tournament team. Their first round game and Frazier added 10.
In the second game, the Badgers blasted Knox City as Frazier and Click each scored 15. Jackie In Saturday
In Saturday's final, Frazier was held to 6 points
and Click tossed in 22 . Frazier said Monday. "I just missed a bunch of shots inside. I was open a lot, and I don
many shots."

The Badgers lost $48-41$ to Hamlin in the finals
and it was the second meeting between the two
teams this year. Sarah Prasarn scored 5 in the final.

Last Tuesday, the Badgers took a very easy whe tore up the nets for 32 points Cick added as Prasarn 8 and Judy Castille had 7 . The Badgers are $6-3$ on the year and played Baird here Tuesday night (details not available at press time) and will play Dec. 19 in Anson and
then start the Stamford tournament Dec. 30 . Norma Frazier is the leading scorer. for the season as she has scored 178 points in nine games
for a 19 point average. Click has scored 150 in for a 19 point average. Click $h$
nine games for a 15.4 average.

## Boys win consolation in Anson



Gins process 2500 bales so far


#### Abstract

Itrippers to start rolling again across the area when the rains came again Sunday evening and the three local gins find themselves with cotton $t 00$ wet to gin. Planters Gin


 Planters Gin in Trent has ginned 1004 as ofgin.
At the Merkel cooperative gin, 1042 bales have been ginned and they also report about 100 bales
in the yard to gin At Stith gin, 500 about 20 bales were on the yard Monday

## Early deadlines for Christmas

The Mail would like to remind it's readers and and advertising is noon, Monday, Dec. 22. The
advertisers there will be no paper printed Jan.
deadline for the January 8,1981 edition is noon, advertisers there will be no paper printed Jan. which you will receive Dec. 24 th locally) will be dated January 8th. Tuesday, Dec. 6 th.
The Mail offices will be closed December 24th The Mail offices will be closed December 24th
and will re-open Monday, December 5th.
The deadline for kids letters to Santa Claus is anta Claus is Merkel PTO pageant rescheduled $\begin{array}{ll}\text { The Merkel PTO Christmas pageant, originally } & \begin{array}{l}\text { Auditorium. Santa Claus will make an appear- } \\ \text { ance and the children will sing Christmas songs }\end{array} \\ \text { scheduled Monday night, will be tonight } \\ \text { (Thursday) at } 7: 30 \text { p.m. at the Merkel School } & \text { and have skits. The public is invited }\end{array}$
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Xi Nu Chi met at the Xi Nu Chi met at the
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Several local youngsters entered their decor- parade drew a large crowd downtown. (Staff
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and Essie Farmer met this Thanksgiving in
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Farmer.
A list of activities included: going to the Dallas-
Seattle football game on Thursday afternoon Serside visit that night without the fire;
and Friday, Therese fixed a delicious dinner that was
enjoyed by everyone, after dinner enjoyed by everyone, after dinner everyone pictures, several enjoyed card playing that pictures, several enjoyed card playing that

Elementary school honor roll

The Merkel Elementary School Honor Rolls are
as follows: as Fillows: Grade A Honor Roll: Mandy Barnett, Tanya Beasley, Scott Cannon, Dayna Doan,
Becca Dunagin, Marc Jenkins, Lillian Leach,
Stan Steven Moreno, Kriste Smith, and Criswell Whisenhunt. A-B Honor Roll: Amanda Biera
Queena Bigbee, Josh Gilmore, Josh Mashburn Shayla Miller, Robert Pace, Zacky Rodriguez, Kristi Smith. Second Grade A Honor Roll: Dustie Baldree
Brandon Boyd, Jenny Boyd, Lois Campbell Jayma Goldsmith, Collin Jacobs, Phuong Thao Tran, and Daniel West. A-B Honor Roll: Coby Archa, John Boswell, Melissa Cuellar, Devin Ely,
Brandy Fenton, Robert Frazier, April Griffith, Brandy Fenton, Robert Frazier, April Griffith,
Betsy Hellums, Missy Jones, Cara Kelso, Sean Leamon, Destry Pack, Terry Trevino, Brandon Toombs, and Maria Uribe.
Third Grade A Honor Roll: Lisa Cannon Angela Carson, Rebecca Cates, Misti Doan, Chris Pack: Penny smith, and Anne Wojoik. A-B Honor
Rollidget Acuna, Laura Baker, Sabrina Boswell, Robynn Dudley, Chance Ferguson
Rickey Haggard, Melissa Hallford, FFA spotlights Mcinr The FFA students are back from our
Thanksgiving Holidays. This week we filled out Thanksgiving for the stock shows and we are beginning to reweigh the pigs. The ag students are still taking up donations for the Merkel Livestock Show.
This week we V.A. III classes.

Tony McInroe, son of Bob and Peggy Smith, is a junior and is enrolled in V.A. III class. His project program consist of duroc gilts for pig
production. Tony was on the varsity football

Jacobs, Dusty McLeod, Cascandra Moreno, Jenni Quance, and Gay Lynn Bishovin Pilgrim, Fourth Grade A Honor Roll: Michelle Barnott, Michele Dudley, Richa Hill, Amy Jones, Anissa Wones, Julie Koflanovich, Glyn Ann Rutiedge, Wade Toombs, Diem Trang Tran. A-B Honor Roil: Walter Best, David Biera, Cannila Bright,
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Jamie Heyen, Angie Moreno, Ramon Moreno Jamie Heyen, Angle Moreno, Ramon Moreno,
Ted Seymore, Mindy Steward, Amy Stuckey, Krista Toombs, and Misty Vaughn. A-B Honor Roll: Mark Aldrete, Ray Browning, Angie Cannon, Kyle Coker, Shelle Doan, April Duncan,
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Xi Nu Chi met in the were: Mamie Steck, Kathy Leverich, Pat The program was on $\begin{array}{cllll}\text { Xi Nu Chi met in the } & \text { were: Mamie Steck, } & \text { Kathy Leverich, Pat } & \text { Table Setrings gas on } \\ \text { home of Louise Du- } & \text { Voe Patterson, Louise } & \text { Neff, Connie Harris, } & \text { by Louise Dubose and }\end{array}$ $\begin{array}{llll}\text { home of Louise Du- } \\ \text { bose. Those present } & \begin{array}{l}\text { Voe Patterson, Louise } \\ \text { Dubose, Mary } \\ \text { Hill, }\end{array} & \begin{array}{l}\text { Neff, Connie Harris, } \\ \text { and Blanche Hewitt. }\end{array} & \begin{array}{l}\text { by Louise Dubo } \\ \text { Voe Patterson. }\end{array}\end{array}$
leam. He also showed a pig at Ft. Worth last Doug Tucker, son of Jerry and Reita Cowin, is a junior and in V.A. III class. He is also a member of the V.I.C.A. work program. Doug is raising cows and pigs for his project program.
Kenneth White, son of Mr and Mrs Clifford White, is a junior and is enrolled in V.A. II V.A. White, is a junior and is enrolled in V.A. II, V.A.
III and General Ag Mechanics. Kenneth is planning on going to Merkel, Abilene and Ft. Worth stock shows.



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Merkel girl scouts decided to build a walking


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encourage you to buy their -get the second pair for le." products. While most Price comparison ads that basinesses are honest and accurately reflect current straightforward, a few engage market value help consumers in misleading tactics to getyou make buying decisions. But if
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Parade, (Staff photo by Drew Mawson)


## FBC Christmas show set

Once a year, the old auditorium of the First lightsts, church lights, stage props, and recorded sound, where
make believe becomes reality for the children's choir. Such will be the case this Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 13 and $14,7: 00$ p.m., as the children's choir present their annual christmas
musical. Whether they're faking a make believe ride on Noah's Ark or turning every day of the year into Christmas. The audience will find the evening a delightful time of music and make
believe. This eyar's presentation is, "Wow, It's believe. This eyar's presentation is, "Wow, It's
Christmas" by Wes Smith. The play helps the children see Christmas past, Christmas present and answer the question, "What is Christmas anyway?"
The cast includes: Staci and Alyse Ferguson,
Gina and Amy Stuckey, Mandy Pack, Michell Gina and Amy Stuckey, Mandy Pack, Michelle
Wodard, Sheri i iney, Karri Rich, Jamie Heyen,
Angela Thomas, Clay Carey, Jeff and Joy Jones, The Musical is directed Mad and Tom Williams

## Tye police chief

A former security officer at Tarelton State
University was hired by the Tye City Council at University was hired by the Tye City Council at a
special meetin in Tye last Friday night. special meetin in Tye last Friday night.
Council hired Donald Parrack, 43, as chief. He will begin work Dec. 22. Parrack was hired at the meeting called to discuss the candidates for the one man police
force. Taylor County Sheriff's Deputies had been handling disturbance calls in Tye since former police chief, Joe Rzucidlo resigned in late
October.

WOODWORLD PROJECT PLANS Build Your Child a Truckful of Lasting Fun

Have you ever bough your ler's glue in your workshop will child a toy, only to find it do the job probably said to yourself, Start by cutting all pieces for They just don't make things wheels to size. The cab and like they used to." Well, you dump bed are constructed of
can. With a little lumber and several parts. The dump bed is can. With a little lumber and several parts. The dump bed is
basic woodworking skills and assembled with just nais and asic woodworking skills and assembled with just nails and ooss, you can build a tough, glue. The cab is constructed by
turdy "bound to outlast all
glueing all matching pieces others" toy dump truck. It together.
takes only a few hours to make The rolling wide wheels can be hours ofenjoyment for cut on a coping saw or bandchildren. saw. You can use a lathe if the Although the toy dump truck has eleven wooden parts, it is an Drill the necessary holes and asy project. The project can be sand before fal assemby made with various size lumber

- maybe just a few scraps lying
will intrigue your child with its round your workshop. A table tilt cab, easy rolling wheels and saw, drill, coping saw or band tilting dump bed. And it is a toy saw, hammer, nails and carpen- that will last.

Sounds easy, doesn't itf it ist This project takes only a tew ours from start to finish, and our detalied instructions show you every step. For complete plans and patterns fo
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